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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, Applicant responds to the restriction requirement as follows:

The application was restricted to two distinct species, Figure 3 corresponding to claim 1 and Figure 4 corresponding to claim 2.

Upon electing claim 1 the claims were further restricted into three groups:

Group I – Claims 1, 3-4, drawn to current adjusting load means;

Group II – Claims 1 and 5-12, drawn to superposing bias voltages; and

Group III – Claims 1 and 13-14, drawn to transformers, switching and filtering.

Applicants elect Species 1, Fig. 3 corresponding to claim 1 and elect Group I, claims 1, 3 and 4 for further prosecution on the merits.

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